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Rashtriya Gokul Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and the results thereof;

(b) whether it is true that no funds have been allocated to Andhra Pradesh in 2015-16 under the scheme inspite of the fact that Ongole breed is on the verge of extinction;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for 2016-17 and 2017-18 under RGM to Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)
(a) Government of India has initiated Rashtriya Gokul Mission in December 2014 exclusively for the development and conservation of indigenous breeds in a scientific and holistic manner with an allocation of Rs.500 crore for the first time in the country. Till date, Projects from 27 States have been approved with an allocation of Rs 582.09 crore. Out of this Rs 226.02 crore has been released to the States for implementation of the scheme upto March 2017.

i) Gokul Grams are being established under the scheme which will function as centres for the development and conservation of Indigenous Cattle breeds. Funds have been sanctioned under the scheme for the establishment of 14 Gokul Grams in the country.
ii) Funds have been approved and first instalment released for strengthening of 41 bull mother farms of indigenous bovine breeds Out of this, 31 bull mother farms have been strengthened in the country
iii) Funds have been approved and first instalment released for establishment of Field Performance Recording Programme (FPRP) for 1,50,000 indigenous animals.

iv) 301 bulls of indigenous breeds have been inducted at the semen stations for semen production.
v) Bull production programme for natural service for indigenous breeds have been initiated by Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat.
vi) Funds have been approved for establishing separate line for marketing of A2 A2 milk in the State of Karnataka and Odisha.
vii) "Gopal Ratna' Awards: to Farmers maintaining the best herd of Indigenous Breed(s) and practicing better management practices and "Kamadhenu" Awards: to Best managed Indigenous Herd by Institutions/Trusts/ NGOs/ Gaushalas/ Breeders' Societies have been instituted under Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

(b)& (c) Funds could not be released to the State as utilization certificate along with physical and financial progress report and audit report were awaited from the State side.

(d) During the year 2014-15, an amount of Rs.600 lakh has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Rashtriya Gokul Mission. During 2016-17, Rs.550 lakh has been released under Indigenous Breeds/ Rashtriya Gokul Mission. National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Indigenous Breeds/Rashtriya Gokul Mission are demand driven schemes and no State wise allocation is made under the scheme. Funds under the scheme is released after the receipt of utilization certificate and physical and financial progress report.
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